

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2243 - HB 2860

March 15, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015489): Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly restrain a dog with a chain, chord, tether, cable, or similar device while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring and the dog is unattended and not under direct supervision. Requires that, in order to be prosecuted, the person must have previously received a warning citation for a previous violation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- On average, persons convicted of a Class C misdemeanor offense serve zero days in jail; therefore, any increase in local expenditures related to incarcerations is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is minimal due to defendants often not being able to pay them; therefore, any increase in local revenue from fines is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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